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SUBJECT: TEXTILE AGREEMENT PROGRAMS

1. THE UNITED STATES ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 1977, WILL
PUBLISH IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER A REVISED TEXTILE CATEGORY

SYSTEM TO BE USED IN ITS BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENTS. THE NEW SYSTEM IS BASED ON THE PRESENT SYSTEM BUT STREAMLINES AND SIMPLIFIES THAT SYSTEM. IT WILL COME INTO EFFECT FOR ALL BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ON JANUARY 1, 1978.

2. THE NEW SYSTEM REDUCES THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COTTON, WOOL AND MAN-MADE FIBER CATEGORIES FROM 137 TO 106. IT SHOULD MAKE CLASSIFICATION EASIER FOR ALL OUR BILATERAL PARTNERS AND REDUCE SHARPLY THE INCIDENCE OF CATEGORY CLASSIFICATION PROBLEMS.

3. THE NEW SYSTEM GENERALLY ATTEMPTS TO PUT LIKE PRODUCTS TOGETHER. WOVEN COTTON DRESS-, SPORT- AND WORK SHIRTS (CATEGORIES 45, 46, 47), FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE BEEN COMBINED; AS HAVE KNIT AND WOVEN MAN-MADE FIBER DRESSES. IN SOME CASES, SIMILAR PRODUCTS HAVE BEEN COMBINED (AS KNIT SHIRTS AND T-SHIRTS) BUT HAVE THEN BEEN BROKEN OUT BY SEX, SINCE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S PRODUCTS ARE MADE BY DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES.

4. WE ARE POUCHING TO EACH COUNTRY A COPY OF THE NEW SYSTEM. ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT NECESSARILY A FINAL VERSION WE DO NOT EXPECT THAT COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC WILL RESULT IN ANY MAJOR CHANGES. WE WILL SHORTLY SEND TO EACH BILATERAL AGREEMENT PARTNER OUR ANALYSIS OF THE WAY CURRENT AGREEMENT LEVELS WOULD TRANSLATE INTO LEVELS UNDER THE NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM.

5. FOR THOSE COUNTRIES WHOSE AGREEMENTS ARE EXPIRING DURING 1977, THE OPERATION OF THE NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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BE DISCUSSED DURING THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND LEVELS APPLICABLE UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM WILL BE NEGOTIATED AT THAT TIME.

6. FOR THOSE COUNTRIES WHOSE AGREEMENTS DO NOT EXPIRE THIS YEAR (PARA. 9 BELOW) AGREEMENT LEVELS WILL HAVE TO BE RECALCULATED TO CONFORM TO NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM AND IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO CONCLUDE SUITABLE AMENDMENTS TO CURRENT AGREEMENTS. WE BELIEVE THAT AN ANALYSIS OF THE NEW SYSTEM (ESPECIALLY HOW IT IS TRANSLATED INTO THE NUMBERS OF THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT) WILL SHOW THAT THE NEW SYSTEM WILL NOT ONLY STIMPLIFY ADMINISTRATION, BUT ALSO EFFECT LIBERALIZATION BY IMPROVING THE FLEXIBILITY OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT.

7. IF, AFTER ANALYSIS, ANY COUNTRY BELIEVES ITS TRADE IN A GIVEN PRODUCT WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM, THE UNITED STATES WILL CONSULT WITH THE AIM OF REACHING A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO ANY SPECIFIC CATEGORY PROBLEM.

8. IF ANY COUNTRY WISHES ASSISTANCE ON ITS ANALYSIS OF THE NEW SYSTEM, WE ARE WILLING TO MEET WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS OR OTHER GOVT REPRESENTATIVES TO EXPLAIN THE ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF THE NEW SYSTEM.

9. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO COMMUNICATE ABOVE TO HOST GOVERNMENT. AGREEMENTS WHICH EXPIRE AFTER 1977 ARE WITH BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, HAITI, MACAO, MEXICO, PHILIPPINES, AND THAILAND.

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